
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

SSB 5032

Brief Description: Concerning the Vancouver national historic reserve.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore and Zarelli).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Affirms that the Washington State Historic Society is the state's designated partner representative for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.
- Instructs the Washington State Historic Society to develop and submit operating and capital budget requests to the Office of Financial Management.

Hearing Date: 3/19/07

Staff: Jason Callahan (786-7117).

Background:

The Vancouver National Historic Reserve (Reserve) was created by Congress in the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996. It encompasses a 366-acre parcel in southwest Washington including the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Pearson Airfield and Air Museum, Officer's Row, Vancouver Barracks, and a section of the Columbia River waterfront. The Reserve is managed by four designated partners, including the state of Washington, the National Park Service, the United States Army, and the city of Vancouver.

Summary of Bill:

The Legislature affirms that the state is a partner in the Reserve and will take an active role in supporting the protection, preservation, interpretation, and rehabilitation of the Reserve. The Washington State Historical Society (Society) is the state's designated partner representative for the Reserve. The Society is directed to participate in coordination meetings and in the

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development of plans and policies associated with the Reserve, partner with Washington State University and other agencies to manage the Center for Columbia River History, to develop and submit operating and capital budget requests, and to oversee the management of all funds appropriated by the state for the Reserve.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.